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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's labor force estimates for March indicate a rather disappointing performance by the State's economy during the month. The number of unemployed increased slightly in March; and the jobless rate remained unchanged, both in contrast to the normal springtime improvement seen this time of year. New Mexico's unemployment rate of 9.2 percent in March compares with the national average rate (not seasonally adjusted) of 7.5 percent.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment edged up by 800 jobs during the month. The bulk of the increases were in construction, trade, and services, all fairly normal expansions for this time of year. The employment picture was decidedly different in the mining industry, however. Mining employment fell by 2,000 jobs in March, as layoffs occurred in oil & gas and in metal mining. The lost jobs were the result of the falloff in oil prices and the closure of the Molycorp molybdenum mine near Taos. The only bright spot in mining was the reopening of two potash mines in the Carlsbad area, AMAX and Lundberg, which added about 400 jobs to the nonmetallic subsector.

As expected, the March labor force estimates reflected significant unemployment increases in Lea, San Juan, and Taos Counties because of the problems in oil and molybdenum mining mentioned above. In the Hobbs area, Lea County's unemployment rate has jumped from 6.1 to 9.5 percent over the last two months; San Juan County's unemployment rate was up from 13.5 to 15.8 percent during March. Taos County's already high jobless rate soared even higher in March, climbing from 23.0 to 29.4 percent.

MARCH SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	659,000	655,100	640,600	+3,900	+18,400
Employment	598,200	594,700	582,700	+3,500	+15,500
Unemployment	60,800	60,400	57,900	+ 400	+2,900
Rate	9.2%	9.2%	9.0%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM MAR 1986	REVISED FEB 1986	REVISED MAR 1985	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	519,900	519,100	513,100	800	6,800
MINING	16,200	18,200	21,500	-2,000	-5,300
Metal Mining	2,300	2,700	3,500	-400	-1,200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,200	4,400	400	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	10,300	12,300	13,600	-2,000	-3,300
CONSTRUCTION	35,000	33,800	36,200	1,200	-1,200
MANUFACTURING	36,600	36,900	36,600	-300	0
DURABLE GOODS	23,900	24,000	23,900	-100	0
Lumber & Wood Products	2,400	2,500	2,300	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,500	6,800	100	-200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Other Durable Goods	8,200	8,300	8,100	-100	100
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,700	12,900	12,700	-200	0
Food & Kindred Products	4,000	4,100	3,900	-100	100
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,400	6,400	-100	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,000	30,300	100	-1,200
TRANSPORTATION	12,700	12,700	12,800	0	-100
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,000	6,000	-100	-100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,400	16,300	17,500	100	-1,100
Communication	7,000	7,000	7,700	0	-700
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,300	9,800	100	-400
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	125,200	124,000	117,900	1,200	7,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	23,000	22,900	22,800	100	200
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,500	100	200
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	102,200	101,100	95,100	1,100	7,100
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,900	4,500	4,500	400	400
General Merchandise Stores	12,000	11,700	9,800	300	2,200
Food Stores	15,200	15,200	14,000	0	1,200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,000	12,700	100	400
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,800	5,100	-200	500
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	35,600	35,100	34,000	500	1,600
Miscellaneous Retail	11,500	11,500	10,700	0	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,100	25,800	25,200	300	900
Banking	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,800	2,600	100	300
Real Estate	6,300	6,200	5,800	100	500
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	300
SERVICES	115,800	115,100	110,500	700	5,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,500	11,300	10,300	200	1,200
Personal Services	6,000	6,000	6,100	0	-100
Business Services	27,500	27,200	26,200	300	1,300
Health Services	27,300	27,300	26,300	0	1,000
Legal Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Educational Services	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	-100
Social Services	7,200	7,200	7,000	0	200
Membership Organizations	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0
Other Services	22,400	22,300	20,700	100	1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	135,900	136,300	134,900	-400	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,600	28,800	29,800	-200	-1,200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	107,300	107,500	105,100	-200	2,200
State Government 2/	49,400	49,400	47,700	0	1,700
Local Government	57,900	58,100	57,400	-200	500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

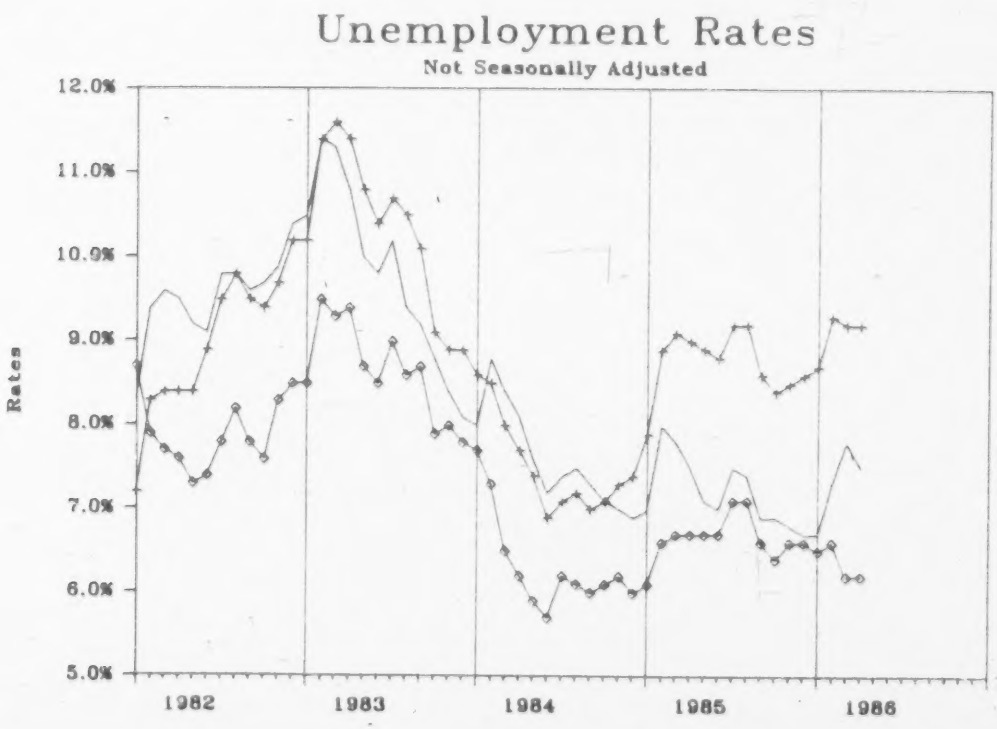
The Albuquerque area unemployment rate for March remained at the February level of 6.2 percent, according to preliminary estimates. The number of people working rose less than one percent over the month, a movement which was not sufficient to alter the rate, as the number of people out of work was virtually unchanged during the period. The unemployment rate now stands one-half of a percentage point below the level of one year ago.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment eased upward by 1,000 jobs to a March level of 224,500. This is the smallest February-to-March increase in this figure since the recession year of 1982. No major industrial group displayed an over-the-month employment gain greater than 200, and most major groups experienced either upward or downward shifts of only a few dozen jobs.

Similarly modest employment gains are observed in over-the-year comparisons, as most major groups exhibited payroll advances of only a few hundred workers since March 1985. In line with recent trends, the largest increases were recorded in the trade and services divisions. The gain of just 700 construction jobs (4 % growth) since a year ago illustrates the slowdown which has occurred in the division recently. Just a few months ago, the industry was experiencing annual growth approaching 20 percent. In manufacturing, 200 jobs were added over the last twelve months, continuing a one and one-half year pattern of only modest growth by the industry. A final decision by the Federal Trade Commission on Japanese "dumping" of computer chips is expected within six weeks. A decision favorable to domestic manufacturers could have a beneficial impact on Albuquerque area employment, because computer chip makers are an important segment of this area's manufacturing community.

MARCH SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	251,400	249,400	240,800	+2,000	+10,600
Employment	235,900	233,900	224,700	+2,000	+11,200
Unemployment	15,500	15,500	16,100	0	- 600
Rate	6.2%	6.2%	6.7%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM MAR 1986	REVISED FEB 1986	REVISED MAR 1985	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,500	223,500	216,600	1,000	7,900
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,600	17,100	200	700
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	19,200	0	200
Durable Goods	13,900	13,800	13,800	100	100
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,400	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,100	12,000	100	200
Transportation	5,800	5,700	5,600	100	200
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57,000	56,800	54,200	200	2,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,100	14,000	100	200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,300	100	200
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	42,800	42,700	40,200	100	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,600	4,000	0	600
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,600	100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	300
Eating & Drinking Places	15,900	15,800	15,400	100	500
Other Retail Trade	12,600	12,700	11,700	-100	900
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	200
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	-100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,400	6,400	6,200	0	200
SERVICES	59,000	58,800	56,200	200	2,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,600	3,500	3,000	100	600
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Business Services	18,900	18,900	18,200	0	700
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,800	0	400
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Services	15,500	15,400	14,300	100	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,400	45,100	44,500	300	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,700	32,400	31,800	300	900
State Government	13,600	13,500	13,000	100	600
Local Government	19,100	18,900	18,800	200	300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM MAR 1986	REVISED FEB 1986	REVISED MAR 1985	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,250	38,000	36,700	250	1,550
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
MANUFACTURING	2,950	2,950	3,250	0	-300
Durable Goods	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	2,000	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,900	7,850	7,350	50	550
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,100	7,050	6,550	50	550
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	700	0	200
Food Stores	950	1,000	950	-50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	2,900	2,700	100	300
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,400	1,350	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,600	1,500	50	150
SERVICES	5,550	5,500	5,000	50	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	50
Business Services	900	900	800	0	100
Health Services	1,400	1,350	1,150	50	250
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,100	16,100	15,600	0	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,500	11,500	11,000	0	500
State Government	6,400	6,400	6,000	0	400
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM MAR 1986	REVISED FEB 1986	REVISED MAR 1985	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	50,450	50,200	48,550	250	1,900
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,200	3,100	3,300	100	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,450	0	150
Durable Goods	900	900	850	0	50
Nondurable Goods	700	700	600	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,150	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	800	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,700	9,550	8,500	150	1,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	9,000	8,850	7,850	150	1,150
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	600	0	350
Food Stores	1,200	1,200	1,250	0	-50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	800	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	3,400	3,300	3,000	100	400
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,500	2,200	50	350
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
SERVICES	12,250	12,150	12,000	100	250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	-50
Business Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,400	20,500	20,100	-100	300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,000	19,100	18,500	-100	500
State Government 4/	15,300	15,400	14,800	-100	500
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.
4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

NOTE: The JAN 1986 Santa Fe MSA State Government employment has been revised to 15,400. Totals for January should be adjusted accordingly.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985
MINING	$510.25	$511.26	$496.43	40.4	41.6	41.3	12.63	12.29	12.02
CONSTRUCTION	$365.75	$383.29	$359.50	35.0	33.8	35.7	10.45	11.34	10.07
MANUFACTURING	$326.24	$327.28	$314.11	38.7	38.1	38.4	8.43	8.59	8.18
Durable Goods	$338.04	$336.16	$324.69	38.9	38.2	38.7	8.69	8.80	8.39
Nondurable Goods	$313.29	$305.80	$291.80	38.3	37.8	37.7	8.18	8.09	7.74
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$467.62	$476.58	$477.12	41.2	42.4	42.0	11.35	11.24	11.36
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$208.46	$223.10	$218.46	31.3	31.6	32.9	6.66	7.06	6.64
Wholesale Trade	$346.53	$394.23	$375.08	39.2	40.6	41.4	8.84	9.71	9.06
Retail Trade	$180.58	$182.38	$184.14	29.7	29.8	31.0	6.08	6.12	5.94
BANKING	$230.92	$231.66	$207.48	40.8	40.5	38.0	5.73	5.72	5.46
ALBUQUERQUE MSA									
MANUFACTURING	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

March 1986	15,278
February 1986	15,298
March 1985	15,060

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
March 1986

CPI-U - 326.0
CPI-W - 321.4

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The Public Service Company of New Mexico has issued layoff notices to 93 employees in Albuquerque. The layoffs, effective July 31, are the result of cost cutting measures being taken by the company. Monolithic Memories Inc. is expected to make a decision within the next few weeks about when to restart construction of its 150,000-square-foot, $100 million computer chip manufacturing plant in Albuquerque. Construction was halted on the new facility in January 1985 due to the slumping computer market. The company is expected to employ about 700 people when the facility is in operation. Touche Ross & Co., an accounting firm, is closing its Albuquerque office, which has 30 employees, by June 1986. St. Joseph Hospital plans to begin construction on a $9.2 million, 64-bed rehabilitation facility late this year on property near the downtown area. Bag & Save will open a new warehouse grocery store in Albuquerque in July which will employ between 70 and 100 new workers. A new restaurant, Knickerbockers, will open in the former Ned's Marina facility on Uptown Blvd. NE in July, and the facility is expected to hire about 95 workers. A new Luby's Cafeteria, now under construction at Juan Tabo & Lomas NE, is scheduled to open in July or August with about 100 employees.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: A new $1.2 million Safeway food store is under construction in Ruidoso. Work has started on a $2 million road project on White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: After a five-month shutdown due to depressed market conditions, AMAX Chemical Corp. reopened its potash mine and refinery near Carlsbad in late March, recalling about 200 workers. The N-ReN anhydrous ammonia plant in Carlsbad, which was shut down in early December 1985, has been sold to International Nitrogen and Chemical Corp. of Phoenix; and the plant is expected to be reopened in the near future. The ammonia plant employed approximately 65 workers before the recent shutdown.

ESPANOLA AREA: Kirkland Construction Company of Rye, Colorado has received a $2.7 million contract to reconstruct 3.1 miles of U.S. Highway 84. Avery Construction Company from Buena Vista, Colorado has received a contract for the construction of a small hydro-electric plant at El Vado Dam. The company will employ approximately 30 workers over the one and one-half year life of the project.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Public Service Company of New Mexico laid off about 28 workers at its San Juan Generating Station in late March. The Y & S Candies factory has added a third shift at its Farmington plant, resulting in the addition of 16 new workers.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Bagdad Plastics, a Grants-based manufacturer of molded plastic products, has been awarded a $165,000 grant by the New Mexico In-Plant Training Committee to train 60 new employees. The company began full production in mid-April. The Santa Fe Railway has decided on a new run-through plan that means trains will no longer stop in Gallup to change crews. The company plans to move 100 to 150 employees from Gallup as a result of the decision.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Numerous oil field related businesses in the area have laid off workers due to the sharp drop in oil prices, and oil well drilling in the Permian Basin is at its lowest level since 1979.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Several Dona Ana County dairies will shut down their operations for the next five years under a U.S. De-

partment of Agriculture program to reduce milk production. According to officials, the program will take out of production approximately 5,700 dairy cows in the County. The Las Cruces Parks Department has received 500 acres of land from the Bureau of Land Management which will be used for a multi-purpose recreational park. Approximately $3.5 million will be spent developing the new facility. The SWIG Pecan Co-op plant is scheduled to reopen for production in June. The 40,000-square-foot plant, which will be able to process about 20,000 pounds of pecans per day, should employ about 30 workers. Work on the new seven-story Hilton Inn in Las Cruces is well under way, and the 205-room facility is expected to open this fall.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Ground was broken for the Luna Vocational-Technical Institute's technologies building in April. The $2.5 million structure is scheduled for completion in December.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: Kaiser Coal Corporation suspended surface and underground coal mining operations at its Cimarron mine near Raton for a one week period in early April, resulting in the layoff of about 350 workers. Company officials cited poor coal sales due to the drop in oil prices as the reason for the shutdown. About 170 workers were called back after one week; however, 180 miners were still idled as of April 25. La Mesa Park will open its 1986 horse racing season in late April.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corp. (TMC) is scheduled to begin production of its new robotic trailers in late April. The company plans to produce approximately 3,500 of the new trailers by the end of next year. Each trailer is a computer-controlled van used to transport automobiles, via the railroad, from the manufacturer to the dealer facility. City approval has been given for a 40 acre shopping center development on North Main Street in Roswell. Lynch Properties of Dallas plans to locate a shopping center, motel, and other facilities on the property, with development coming in several stages over the next few years.

SANTA FE AREA: The second phase of development of Marcy Plaza in Santa Fe is underway. A three-level, 250-space parking garage and a 20,000-square-foot office building are being added to an existing office building. The new Continental Inn in Santa Fe is scheduled for a May 5th opening date. Employment in the area lodging and restaurant subsectors has begun to increase with the approaching summer tourist season.

SILVER CITY AREA: A recent Phelps Dodge Corp. report revealed that the Tyrone copper ore body is expected to be exhausted by no later than the early 1990's, meaning the end of open pit mining and milling at the Tyrone facility. Phelps Dodge employs over 700 workers at the Tyrone mine and mill. Kennecott Corp. and its unions are continuing their contract talks. Kennecott's current union contract expires June 30, and the company has proposed major concessions in wages and benefits because of the depressed copper prices.

TAOS AREA: The Sangre de Cristo Corporation has purchased 275 acres at the top of Bobcat Pass to begin development of White Wind resort this summer. Plans call for 260 single-family and multifamily homes built around a nine-hole golf course. Taos Ski Valley closed for the season on April 6, resulting in the layoff of approximately 350 workers. The Holy Cross Hospital in Taos laid off about 20 employees in early April due to cash flow problems. The hospital administrator hopes to rehire those employees by June 1. The Plaza at Angel Fire hotel temporarily closed on April 12, laying off approximately 70 workers. The hotel is expected to reopen during the Memorial Day weekend.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY MARCH 1986				REVISED FEBRUARY 1986				REVISED MARCH 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	659,018	598,187	60,831	9.2%	655,165	594,729	60,436	9.2%	640,590	582,732	57,858	9.0%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	251,469	235,930	15,539	6.2%	249,466	233,934	15,532	6.2%	240,769	224,651	16,118	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	52,387	48,441	3,946	7.5%	51,968	47,918	4,050	7.8%	49,247	45,201	4,046	8.2%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	60,865	57,497	3,368	5.5%	60,520	56,888	3,632	6.0%	57,405	54,229	3,176	5.5%
Catron	992	758	234	23.6%	958	726	232	24.2%	939	690	249	26.5%
Chaves	23,011	20,709	2,302	10.0%	23,094	20,592	2,502	10.8%	22,873	21,134	1,739	7.6%
Cibola	8,489	6,709	1,780	21.0%	8,458	6,651	1,807	21.4%	8,893	6,628	2,265	25.5%
Colfax	6,792	5,904	888	13.1%	6,740	5,804	936	13.9%	6,651	5,835	816	12.3%
Curry	16,500	15,326	1,174	7.1%	16,278	15,015	1,263	7.8%	16,011	14,827	1,184	7.4%
De Baca	913	775	138	15.1%	900	775	125	13.9%	874	760	114	13.0%
Eddy	22,255	19,207	3,048	13.7%	22,491	18,926	3,565	15.9%	21,794	19,511	2,283	10.5%
Grant	9,904	8,676	1,228	12.4%	9,792	8,511	1,281	13.1%	10,088	8,541	1,547	15.3%
Guadalupe	1,640	1,360	280	17.1%	1,566	1,267	299	19.1%	1,483	1,284	199	13.4%
Harding	452	392	60	13.3%	430	381	49	11.4%	428	388	40	9.3%
Hidalgo	2,366	2,208	158	6.7%	2,359	2,189	170	7.2%	2,416	2,239	177	7.3%
Lea	25,270	22,878	2,392	9.5%	26,017	24,038	1,979	7.6%	27,027	25,366	1,661	6.1%
Lincoln	7,184	6,640	544	7.6%	7,100	6,522	578	8.1%	6,957	6,498	459	6.6%
Luna	5,419	4,521	898	16.6%	5,304	4,433	871	16.4%	5,468	4,587	881	16.1%
McKinley	17,100	14,864	2,236	13.1%	17,168	14,823	2,345	13.7%	16,899	14,722	2,177	12.9%
Mora	1,524	950	574	37.7%	1,510	932	578	38.3%	1,459	1,016	443	30.4%
Otero	17,245	15,779	1,466	8.5%	17,150	15,638	1,512	8.8%	16,954	15,457	1,497	8.8%
Quay	4,337	3,925	412	9.5%	4,265	3,810	455	10.7%	4,386	3,927	459	10.5%
Rio Arriba	13,159	10,047	3,112	23.6%	13,005	9,931	3,074	23.6%	13,583	10,634	2,949	21.7%
Roosevelt	7,277	6,905	372	5.1%	7,131	6,711	420	5.9%	7,127	6,744	383	5.4%
Sandoval	20,739	18,843	1,896	9.1%	20,498	18,556	1,942	9.5%	19,689	17,912	1,777	9.0%
San Juan	34,245	28,839	5,406	15.8%	34,278	29,649	4,629	13.5%	34,962	29,885	5,077	14.5%
San Miguel	10,110	8,648	1,462	14.5%	9,972	8,531	1,441	14.5%	9,943	8,456	1,487	15.0%
Sierra	2,345	2,159	186	7.9%	2,318	2,128	190	8.2%	2,177	1,960	217	10.0%
Socorro	5,662	5,166	496	8.8%	5,596	5,072	524	9.4%	5,401	4,968	433	8.0%
Taos	10,954	7,730	3,224	29.4%	10,752	8,280	2,472	23.0%	10,870	8,679	2,191	20.2%
Torrance	3,070	2,658	412	13.4%	2,998	2,592	406	13.5%	3,038	2,711	327	10.8%
Union	2,029	1,831	198	9.8%	1,973	1,815	158	8.0%	2,005	1,834	171	8.5%
Valencia	13,314	11,912	1,402	10.5%	13,110	11,691	1,419	10.8%	12,774	11,458	1,316	10.3%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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